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1. PER REF A, I CALLED ON BRITISH AMBASSADOR MORNING AUGUST 19 TO REVIEW BIDDING. HE AND I IN AGREEMENT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE FOR EITHER OR BOTH OF US MAKE FURTHER FORMAL APPROACHES TO GOL ON KOREAN QUESTION. (INDICATED HE WOULD NOT WISH TO DO SO WITHOUT FURTHER INSTRUCTION FROM HMG. HOWEVER, WILL CONTINUE TALK INFORMALLY.) HE HAS MADE STRONG WRITTEN AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND HAS FOLLOWED THROUGH BY "CHATTING UP" APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS AS OPPORTUNITIES HAVE PRESENTED THEMSELVES. AMBASSADOR MANFULL, PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE, DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT IN DEPTH WITH ASST. FONMINISTER ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS. BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND I BELIEVE FURTHER APPROACHES FROM US WILL BE REGARDED AS UNDUE PRESSURE.

2. BRITISH AMBASSADOR SAW BOTH DENNIS AND DUNN ON SEPARATE OCCASIONS OVER PAST WEEKEND. BOTH REITERATED PREVIOUSLY STATED POSITION THAT GOL WOULD PROBABLY VOTE FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION BUT HAD
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PROBLEMS WITH CO-SPONSORSHIP. THEY SAID GOL WISH TO CONSULT FUR-

THER WITH ITS AFRICAN COLLEAGUES BEFORE TAKING FINAL DECISIONS.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT GOL HAS TWO INTERESTS WHICH IT WISHES TO PRESERVE IN DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE. THESE ARE (A) NOT GETTING OUT OF STEP WITH OAU AND (B) NOT PUTTING UNDUE STRAIN ON ITS NEW-FOUND RELATIONSHIP WITH NORTH KOREA. ITS ULTIMATE DECISION WILL BE DETERMINED BY ITS PERCEPTION OF THE EFFECT OF THAT DECISION ON THESE TWO INTERESTS.

4. SUGGEST THAT IF I AM TO MAKE FORMAL APPROACH, I DO SO IN GUISE OF EXPLAINING CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH U.S. TROOPS WOULD REMAIN IN SOUTH KOREA I.E. BILATERAL AGREEMENT, PRESERVATION OF ARMISTICE, ETC. IF INSTRUCTED MAKE APPROACH, I REQUEST I BE AUTHORIZED APPROACH ASST. FONMIN DUNN. UNTIL UNPLEASANTNESS WHICH OCCURRED OVER WEEKEND IS RESOLVED (AF ASST. SECY. DAVIS AWARE OF MATTER) DOUBT I WILL BE ABLE HAVE FRUITFUL SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN DENNIS. IN ANY EVENT, IF SITUATION DEVELOPS WHERE I CAN RAISE MATTER INFORMALLY WITH APPROPRIATE FONMIN OFFICIALS, I WILL DO SO.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH ENCOURAGE GOVT. OF KOREA INSTRUCT ITS EMBASSY HERE TO FIRE ONE MORE SALVO.

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